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1. DEPARTMENT RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM CONGRESS-MAN JOHN L. BURTON OF CALIFORNIA: QUOTE:

IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THAT JORGE CARABALLO AND CLEMENTE PADIN, TWO URUGUAYAN ARTISTS, WERE REPORTEDLY ARRESTED IN SEPTEMBER 1977.

I WROTE TO AMBASSADOR JOSE CALDAS ON MAY 1, AND AGAIN ON JUNE 5, REQUESTING INFORMATION ON THESE CASES. TO DATE, I HAVE NOT RECEIVED A REPLY TO EITHER LETTER.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING ME WITH THE DETAILS OF THEIR ARREST. SPECIFICALLY, I AM INTERESTED IN THE CHARGES LISTED AGAINST SRES. CARABALLO AND PADIN AND THE PLACE OF THEIR DETENTION. I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE ON THEIR TRIAL PROCEEDINGS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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SENTENCE, IF EITHER ACTION HAS OCCURRED YET.

I WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD CONTACT OUR AMBASSADOR IN MONTEVIDEO AND REQUEST THAT HE, OR A MEMBER OF HIS

STAFF, CALL DR. CARLOS MAYNARD, DIRECTOR OF THE OFICINA DE INFORMACION DE PERSONAS IN THE MINISTERIO DE DEFENSA

NACIONAL. END QUOTE.

2. THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING CARABALLO AND PADIN, INCLUDING REQUESTS FROM CONGRESSMEN ROONEY AND LUJAN. WE HAVE INFORMED THEM OF THE OCIP AS A SOURCE OF DIRECT URUGUAYAN RESPONSES. IN LIGHT OF THE SEVERAL REQUESTS PENDING, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. CHRISTOPHER

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